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1. Approximately 6,000 Soviet troops who went south via Hangchow on 22-26 December were all air force ground personnel.* They arrived in Nanking from Manchuria in late 1950. In early January 1951 approximately 3,000 of these troops went south from Hongyang on the Hunan-Kwangsi Railroad. The remaining 3,000 were in the White Cloud Airfield area in late January. They seldom visit Canton.
2. In early January 2,000 civilian workers were reconstructing an airfield at Wangchiang, Panyu (113-36, 23-01) Hsien. In late January two runways, a control tower and a radio room were completed, and a third runway was under construction. Eight underground hangars, each with a capacity of two planes, eight underground storage depots and an underground office were built at the bases of hills near the field. In late January forty large boxes of aviation supplies arrived at this field and were placed in an underground storage depot.

On 15 January Santsao (113- , 22-) Airfield was temporarily closed and all its personnel were sent to White Cloud Airfield, Canton.**

In January the Central and South China Air Force Headquarters placed all air force installations in its district under the command of its various branch headquarters. These installations were formerly under the direct control of provincial military district commands.

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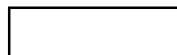
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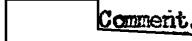
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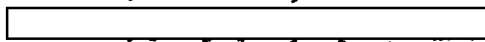
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at this airfield was abandoned in mid-December 1950.

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